CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Czechoslovakia

near Horazdovice

Military Storage Installation

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- 1. A military storage installation is located north of Horazdovice (N 50/Q 39) in the wood to the east of the town of Babin. The installation extends west to the edge of Babin.
- 2. The wood is closed to the public and there are patrols around it at all times. At the eastern tip of the wood there is a wooden observation tower, close to point 472, which overlooks the entire neighborhood.
- 3. A new macadamized road was built to the wood in 1952 from the Horazdovice-Blatna road starting at a point near the Horazdovice-Blatna railroad station.
- 4. The wood was taken over by the Czechoslovak Army in 1951 and building material was being brought to it until 1953. However, the construction work could not be observed from outside the wood. Two auxiliary technical battalions (PTP) which were billeted in the hotel near the Horazdovice-Babin railroad station did the construction work.
- 5. From spring to August 1953, a large number of trucks delivering military materials at this installation were observed. They were empty when they left the installation. The trucks did not belong to the Horazdovice garrison.
- 6. The construction of a new loading ramp at the Horazdovice-Babin railroad station was started at the same time as the storage installation. The loading ramp is approximately 80 meters long and 20 meters wide and is located along the south side of the Horazdovice-Ceske Budejovice railroad line, east of the station building. In summer 1953, military material, including tanks, artillery and other equipment, was unloaded there, probably for units training in the Susice area. Within a month, the tanks were loaded back onto trains. These tanks were of the Soviet Stalinec type. Each train carried approximately 30 tanks.

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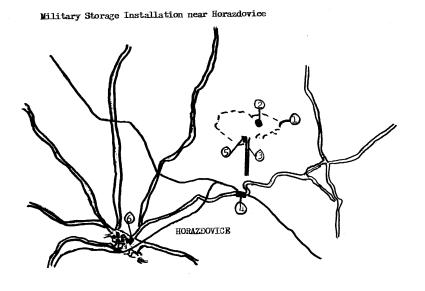
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7. The only building connected with the storage installation which can be seen from outside the wood is the guardroom situated near the gate at the southern edge of the wood. The guard unit is from the Horazdovice garrison.

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